

SB2510



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SB2510

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-22

from Ch. 122, par. 27-22

Amends the Courses of Study Article of the School Code. Adds forensic speech (speech and debate) to the music, art, foreign language, or vocational education elective that a pupil may chose to satisfy the one year prerequisite that each pupil entering the 9th grade is required to successfully complete to receive a high school diploma. Provides that the course in forensic speech may not be used to satisfy the language arts course requirement.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 27-22 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-22) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-22)

7 Sec. 27-22. Required high school courses.

8 (a) (Blank).

9 (b) (Blank).

10 (c) (Blank).

11 (d) (Blank).

12 (e) As a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma,
13 each pupil entering the 9th grade must, in addition to other
14 course requirements, successfully complete all of the
15 following courses:

16 (1) Four years of language arts.

17 (2) Two years of writing intensive courses, one of
18 which must be English and the other of which may be English
19 or any other subject. When applicable, writing-intensive
20 courses may be counted towards the fulfillment of other
21 graduation requirements.

22 (3) Three years of mathematics, one of which must be
23 Algebra I, one of which must include geometry content, and

1 one of which may be an Advanced Placement computer science
2 course. A mathematics course that includes geometry
3 content may be offered as an integrated, applied,
4 interdisciplinary, or career and technical education
5 course that prepares a student for a career readiness path.

6 (4) Two years of science.

7 (5) Two years of social studies, of which at least one
8 year must be history of the United States or a combination
9 of history of the United States and American government
10 and, beginning with pupils entering the 9th grade in the
11 2016-2017 school year and each school year thereafter, at
12 least one semester must be civics, which shall help young
13 people acquire and learn to use the skills, knowledge, and
14 attitudes that will prepare them to be competent and
15 responsible citizens throughout their lives. Civics course
16 content shall focus on government institutions, the
17 discussion of current and controversial issues, service
18 learning, and simulations of the democratic process.
19 School districts may utilize private funding available for
20 the purposes of offering civics education.

21 (6) One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C)
22 foreign language, which shall be deemed to include American
23 Sign Language, ~~or~~ (D) vocational education, or (E) forensic
24 speech (speech and debate). A forensic speech course under
25 this subdivision (6) may not be used to satisfy the course
26 requirement under subsection (1).

1 (f) The State Board of Education shall develop and inform
2 school districts of standards for writing-intensive
3 coursework.

4 (f-5) If a school district offers an Advanced Placement
5 computer science course to high school students, then the
6 school board must designate that course as equivalent to a high
7 school mathematics course and must denote on the student's
8 transcript that the Advanced Placement computer science course
9 qualifies as a mathematics-based, quantitative course for
10 students in accordance with subdivision (3) of subsection (e)
11 of this Section.

12 (g) This amendatory Act of 1983 does not apply to pupils
13 entering the 9th grade in 1983-1984 school year and prior
14 school years or to students with disabilities whose course of
15 study is determined by an individualized education program.

16 This amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly does not
17 apply to pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2004-2005 school
18 year or a prior school year or to students with disabilities
19 whose course of study is determined by an individualized
20 education program.

21 (h) The provisions of this Section are subject to the
22 provisions of Section 27-22.05 of this Code and the
23 Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act.

24 (Source: P.A. 100-443, eff. 8-25-17; 101-464, eff. 1-1-20.)